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RE: Application No. 09/537,506; Confirmation No. 6236; Filing Date: March 29, 2000

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To Whom it May Concern:

Attached is a Reply and Amendment to the November 22, 2005 Final Office Action for the above-referenced application. Feel free to contact me with any questions at 602-382-6284.

Thank you,
 David O. Caplan, Reg. No. 41,655

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REPLY AND AMENDMENT

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Dear Commissioner:

In reply to the Final Office Action dated November 22, 2005, of which this Reply is filed within two months, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.